

The fall of Ravenna had not disposed of the Gothic problem. The stubborn garrison of Pavia held out and proclaimed a new King, HILDEBAD. Six imperial generals had been left in Italy, each with an independent command; they did not coöperate and the Goths rallied to the capable Hildebad, who recovered the ~~plains~~ of the Po. He

was assassinated in 541; but a fresh champion
arose - his nephew BADUILA, better
known as TOTILA, first of the Knights of
the middle ages, one of the rare heroes on
whose name no stain has ever fastened;
one who was more worthy to be the
successor of Theodoric

about Oct 5th

While TOTILA was negotiating with the
imperial commander of Lorraine, the Dukes
of PAVIA offered him the Gothic kingship.
He demanded that ERARIC be killed
before he would accept. His demand
was met.

He became king in place of ERARIC

552
541-542

1912 Dates J-BK

TOTILA, a noble Ostrogoth
was beaten in battle of
TAGINAE by the imperial
general NARSES

541 to 552

The Italian Ostrogothic Kingdom

TOTILA.

RULIAN ERARIC seized the Doctor
after the murder of HILDEBAD

541 & 542

Emperor Justinian's Constantinople
was ravaged by plague, felling
perhaps 40% of the city's population

Bubonic plague

Winter
541/542

Phase 1.

In winter of 541/42 on authorization command
from Justices got the general to decide on a vigorous
offensive against the Dolomites on the north
side of the Po. 12,000 soldiers, the entire field army
in Italy left the area around Roverana and
marched north against Verona. The campaign
ground to a halt & they withdrew to the region
between the river Reno and Forentia - Faenza,
southwest of Roverana, TOTILA called up his
entire army of 5000 and went in pursuit